

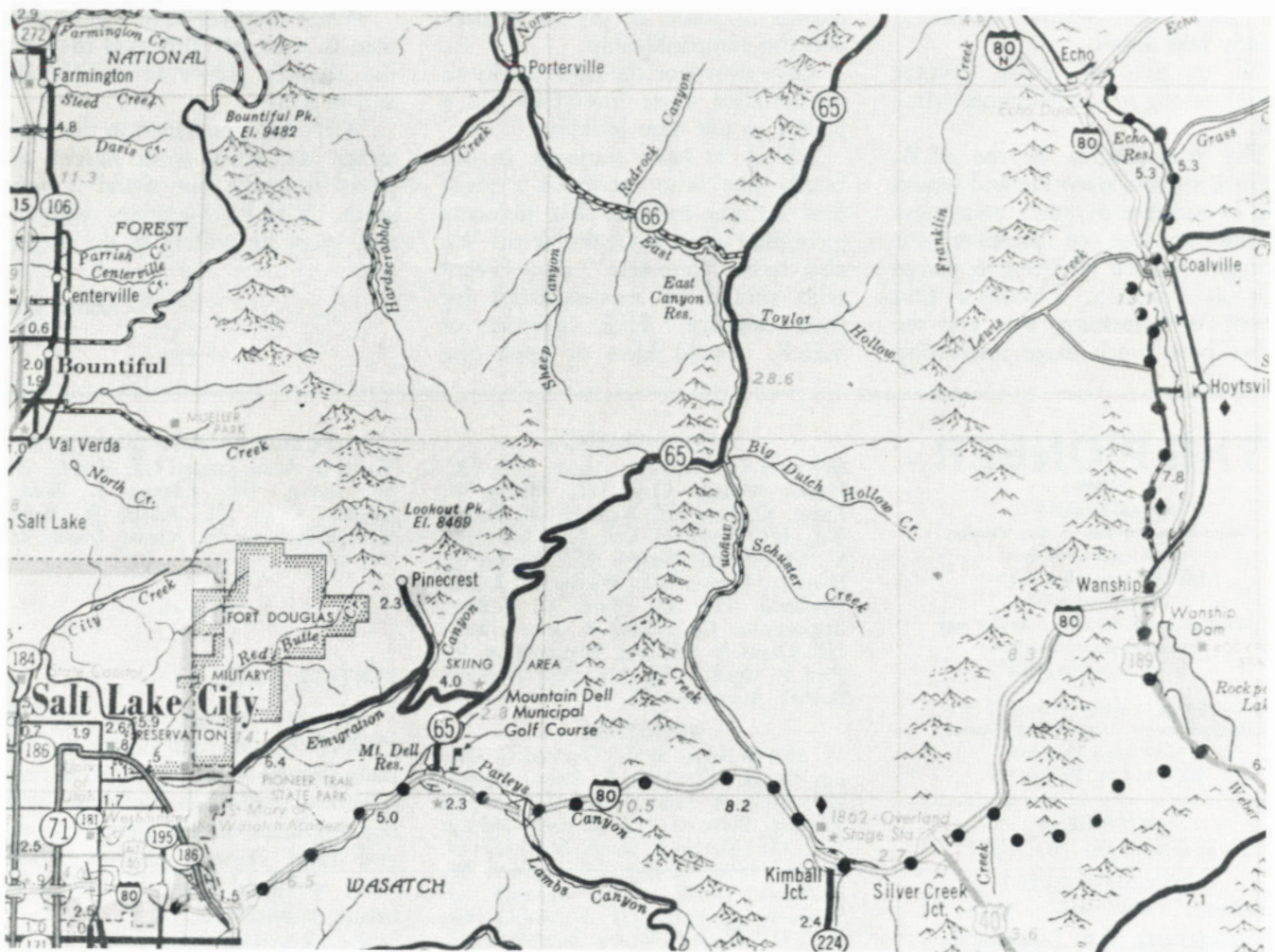


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THE GOLDEN ROAD

from Echo Canyon to the new headquarters, Sons of Utah Pioneers
(The road is shown by dots. Diamonds indicate historic markers and places)

See page 11 for text.

President's Message WE NEED YOUR HELP

"Each year S.U.P. ought to be better than the year before. Each succeeding year builds upon firm foundations that have been laid before." So said Dr. Orson D. Wright in 1972 when he became Pres. To do this the National Officers need your help. Together we can do many things. Many things are expected from S.U.P. by our members, our community, and our churches. Here's a few suggestions on ways we can improve S.U.P. and build on this firm foundation already laid down.

All or part of every chapter should belong to the Mormon Battalion.

The Authenticity of the M.B. uniform attracts attention and would help to increase people's awareness of our purpose to preserve our heritage. We've all been to places such as Nauvoo, Lincoln's Old Salem, Williamsburg, etc. and we realize how much more interesting

history becomes when we're actually seeing how people lived and dressed in that era. More members in M.B. would increase our publicity.

Each person should bring in 1 or 2 new members. Each chapter can organize a new chapter.

Have you ever been to a chapter meeting of S.U.P. where people weren't having a good time? S.U.P. is an exciting organization to belong to. Let's give our friends a chance to share in the excitement and the companionship.

Give everyone the opportunity to memorialize their ancestors on a plaque in our new building.

All of us have someone in our family tree who sacrificed a great deal for our benefit. The pioneers gave their all to settle the West. We also have "pioneers" since 1869 who should be memorialized for their sacrifice. Each member of S.U.P. should have at least one

couple they feel should be remembered in this special way.

Complete, pay for and dedicate our building by early summer.

This is possible if everyone will work together and give their all. We need money to complete the payments on the building. We need volunteers who are willing to donate time for jobs in many areas.

Every chapter put up a monument or plaque at important pioneer places.

When chapters have a goal and a plan to complete this goal they find the chapter grows in membership and in spirit.

Will all the problems in the world today we must work harder and faster to make our world a better place. S.U.P. members who are able must be willing to do all they can.

K. Grant Hale

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EDITOR'S MEMO =

In our current issue of the PIONEER, you will notice that the main feature is the laying of the cornerstone of our new building. With the emphasis on the new building, and fund raising, several articles were withheld from this issue for future publication.

In subsequent issues there is to be a calendar of events, a listing of upcoming civic events, chapter projects, etc. out of the ordinary that should be brought to the attention of all members. Send the date, place, occasion of the events to the editor along with all other news items to the National Headquarters, 3357 South 2300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.



Ruth Ross Magleby, the new secretary for the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, was born in Forest Dale Ward in Salt Lake City, the youngest child of Milton H. and Hattie Ross. Milton Ross was the penman for the Church for 50 years, called to this position by Pres. Heber J. Grant, and he held this position until his death at 89 years of age. Ruth lived 1/2 block north of the Brigham Young farmhouse in Forest Dale Ward. This farmhouse was later moved to the site of the "This is the Place Monument" in the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

Ruth married Arlo (Jim) Magleby in the Salt Lake Temple on April 16, 1942. Pres. Harold B. Lee performed their marriage ceremony when he was an Apostle. They moved to East Mill Creek in 1945 when they built a home at 2077 East 3070 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. They raised 1 girl and 3 boys there, and they still live in this family home. They now have 11 grandchildren.

Ruth has been active in the Church all her life, holding many different positions of leadership. She is currently the Social Relations teacher in Relief Society and is a visiting teacher. She has also worked as a legal and medical secretary for 24 years.

In 1977 Ruth was given the privilege with her husband to go to Brazil where he helped build the Sao Paulo Temple.

Ruth enjoys her work in the office of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, and she also enjoys the activities with the East Mill Creek Chapter of the SUP.

1981 OFFICERS SEMINAR ANNOUNCED

Among other announcements released at the Moab Encampment was the seminar for newly-elected and all other officers of chapters and the National Society, to be held January 17, 1981 at the Canyon Rim I and II Wards Chapel, same place as it was held last year.

All chapters are encouraged to have held their elections by December 15th, 1980 in order that the new officers might be informed of this seminar. These annual seminars are most informative and constructive to all officers.

Another announcement from the Moab Encampment was the dates for our next yearly encampment to be held at the Weber State College, Ogden, Utah, August 20-21, 1981. Reserve this date and more announcements will follow.

PLACERVILLE COUPLE HONORED AS "COUPLE OF THE YEAR"

Lela and Mance H. Vaught of Placerville, Calif., were selected as "The Couple of the Year" as announced at the annual encampment at Moab, Utah, September 20, 1980.

The advance announcement to the couple was made by Grant Ursenback, Fair Oaks, Calif., inasmuch as the Vaughts were unable to attend the encampment.

Lela and Mance H. Vance have stated that "they were overwhelmed, but with tears of joy in our eyes of the news of the signal honor. Will you express our most heart-felt regrets in not being in attendance at the encampment, when this token of such importance is awarded. We love the Work we are doing and hope our Heavenly Father will give us strength and wisdom to carry on."

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NEW LIST OF PLAQUE NAMES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE PIONEER

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tis Robbins; Arthur F. Barnes;
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riet Sansom Barnes; John
Hathaway; William J. Lloyd;
Morgan Davies; Walter Scott Hol-
brook; Ann Keep Davis; John Wat-
kins; Jonathan Earl; Thomas Callis-
ter; Jane Wright Earl; Reuben
McBride; James Joseph Keep, Jr.;
Jesse Smith; Mary Anne Smith Dix-
on; Mary Ann Price Smith; Sarah
DeGrey Dixon; Jan Cornelious Van
Dam; Anne Jensen Jorgensen; Ed-
ward Schoenfeld; Ottillie Meith
Schoenfeld; Morton Svend Eliason;
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Mullin; Jacob Hunter; John Astle;
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bella Jane Bradshaw Astle; Joseph
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Woodhouse; Daniel Stillwell
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Thomas; Emmeline Furnbow
Carter; Harriet T. Utley Carter;
Anders Pehrson Stenblom; Anna
Sophia Anderson Stenblom; Israel
Barlow; Lucy Heap Barlow;
Elizabeth Haven Barlow; James
Caldwell Taylor; William Critch-
low.

IMPORTANT NOTICE PHOTOS - PIONEER MAGAZINE

1. When submitting articles with photos, each chapter should include a remittance of \$5. for each black and white glossy photo; \$10 for color prints - a charge levied to us by the printer. Also include a self-addressed envelope with stamp in the event you want your photo returned.

2. A large number of photos, received in the past from chapters and individuals, are in our National Office. They may be picked up on Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons, 1 to 5 p.m.

John J. Nielsen

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1948 - 1980

Our previous list of new Life Members appeared in the July-August issue and listed brother Keith A. Madsen as the 395th Life Member. Since then the following have become Life Members:

#396, Don P. Haws, Mesa;
#397 Aquilla R. Findlay, EMC;
#398, Marvin Spencer Stevens, EMC; #399, Roy A. McClellan, Mesa; #400, Newell V. Palmer, Mesa; #401, E. Kay Kirkham, EMC; #402, Mervin A. Peterson, Holladay; #403, Wilford G. Fowers, Ogden Pioneer; #404, Howard S. Lichfield, Mormon Battalion; #405, David F. Sawyer, Ogden Pioneer; #406, C. B. Smurthwaite, EMC; #407, Thomas P. McArthur, St. George; #408, Clifford S. Spence, Temple Fork; #409, Robert L. Tholander, Temple Fork; #410, Arthur J. Sperry, Murray; #411, Stacey D. Garn, Phoenix; #412, Julius H. Geilman, Ogden Pioneer.

At the Moab Encampment our report listed a total of 50 brethren who had become life members since our Escalante Encampment. Our present goal is to secure 75 Life Members prior to the 1981 Ogden Encampment.

Currently we have \$35,795.00 in our Life Membership Trust Savings Account. Our Long Range goal is to attain \$100,000 in this account. When we reach that goal the yearly interest (at 10%) would amount to \$10,000 which would meet a large share of the yearly cost of maintaining our headquarters office. Please do not hesitate in giving serious consideration to becoming Life Members, regardless of your present age or general health because this is one way you can do your part in perpetuating and assuring the continuation of our National Society and in preserving the heritage of the Pioneers.

A Life Membership is an ideal birthday or Christmas gift. The family of Mission President Arthur J. Sperry just honored their father with a Life Membership gift.

John J. Nielsen

October 13, 1980 NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST ISSUE OF THE PIONEER

I Monte Marshall, EMC;
V Dee Ewell, UF; Raynold H. Brauy, UF; John H. Smart, UF; Lyle J. Smart, UF; Wayne S. Smart, UF; Jeffrey A. Addington, UF; Benjamin Coulam, UF; Stillman Elder, TQ; John R. Poulton, A/L; Austin Leavens Walker, UF; Jerreme Collin Green, UF; Gilbert L. Parkin, UF; Grant Dean Snarr; Gene Newbold, UF; Paul J. Framp-ton, UF; Adrian L. Orme, ER; J. Barr Snelgrove, SH; Wayne J. Anderson, UF; George Ariel Sharp, UF; Len O. Palmer, UF; Everett R. Smith, UF; Robert L. Tholander, TF; Mark Alfred Riddle, A/L; Dean J. Brady, UF; Del E. Brady, UF; Elmo Cunningham Brady, UF; Verl G. Smart, UF; Robert V. Pett, UF; Jason Coulam, UF; John A. Addington, UF; William R. Bailey, TQ; Harold E. Hall, TQ; Elbert Pritchett Epperson, A/L; Cody Joseph Goetz, UF; Aaron Mark Harris, UF; Val D. Brady, UF; Reid L. Boggess, UF; Vaughn Elmo Epperson, A/L; Floyd Enos Hebdon, SL Pion; Richard A. Bowman, A/L; Leon R. Adams, Mesa; D. Cole Woodcox, UF; Jimmy T. Snarr, UF; Russell S. Bird, UF; Merrill W. Croft, SH.
(UF = Union Fort; AL = At Large; TQ = Temple Quarry; ER = Eagle Rock; EMC = East Mill Creek; SH = Sugar House.)

SIERRA CHAPTER PLACES HISTORICAL MARKER

President Ralph Bird of the Sierra Chapter, Sacramento, California, has sent in the following report on their current activities.

Paving of the last link of the Mormon-Emigrant Trail Road between State Highway 88 and the US Highway 50 has recently been completed. Through leadership of members of the Sierra Chapter there will be a special program on September 6, 1980 for the public recognition of this accomplishment and the historical events related to the famous trail.

Mance Vaught, long-time community leader and member of the Sierra Chapter, emceed the official program which began at 2:00 p.m.



A DELAYED AWARD TO
EARL W. BASCOM

SUP member and former rodeo champion, Earl W. Bascom of Victorville, Calif. was recently awarded an all-around trophy saddle by the Raymond Stampede Committee for honors he won over 40 years ago.

In 1940, Bascom entered the rodeo at Raymond and won championship titles in the saddle bronc and bareback riding events and finished second in the steer wrestling event. The highest winner in two or more events gets the all-around championship award — but Bascom never received it until Duke Helger-son, Raymond Stampede Director, presented him with the trophy saddle, some 40 years late. Our congratulations to a champion!

on the trail at Brown Rock. The program featured a ribbon cutting ceremony and other activities appropriate for the occasion. Colonel Elmer Jones of the U.S. Mormon Battalion and dignitaries from other organizations were in attendance.

At noon, prior to the official program, the Sierra Chapter held a picnic-meeting on the trail at Overlook. A highlight of this meeting was the unveiling of a new historical marker in the form of a beautiful hand-hewn log bench prepared by Bill Covington of our Sierra Chapter, installed and paid for by the Sierra Chapter.

Ralph Bird, President
Sierra Chapter SUP

JUAREZ MEXICO CHAPTER PLANNED

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers is to become an international organization with the organization of the Colonial Juarez-Dublan Chapter in the Mormon colonies in Casas Grandes, Mexico. It is to be sponsored by the Salt River and Mesa Chapters in Arizona.

Malin and Crisman Lewis began all of this when they reported about the history and present status of the Colonies in their Arizona Mormon publication, *THE LATTER-DAY SENTINEL*. John Nielsen received a copy of this magazine through Arizona Vice-President Paul J. Updike. John J. Nielsen then suggested that Morris Richards, president of the Salt River Chapter and Spencer D. Madsen, president of the Mesa Chapter, take the lead in getting a Juarez-Dublan Chapter started.

Morris went to Utah for six weeks, and Spencer became ill, so Paul Updike initiated those efforts. President Jerald L. Taylor of the Juarez Stake responded favorably. However, because a birth certificate was temporarily lost and the time appointed for the meeting in Mexico was too soon to procure another it was decided that President Taylor would meet Brother Updike at conference time in Salt Lake City. (A birth certificate and proof of ownership of your car is all that is necessary to enter Mexico.)

Organizational materials are to be secured at the Salt Lake Office and the initial meeting set for after the conference. It is hoped that when the Juarez-Dublan chapter is formed it will lead to a chapter in El Paso, Texas.

Several couples from the Mesa and Salt River Chapters will make the trip down to the colonies for the first meeting.

Reporting: Paul J. Updike

**Deadline for next issue
of the PIONEER is
December 15, 1980**

OGDEN PIONEER LUNCHEON CLUB VISITS PIONEER SITES

On August 2, 1980 the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club took their summer trek and visited over sixty sites connected with Ogden pioneer heritage.

They visited the locations of eight of the ten forts built in the vicinity of Ogden, the sites of eight of the eleven gristmills constructed in the Ogden area. They crossed the paths of Jedediah Strong Smith, Peter Skene Ogden, Captain John C. Fremont, Miles Goodyear, who built the first fort in Utah west of the Wasatch Range and Captain Howard Stansbury and others. They visited also the route traversed by the Mormon Battalion as they returned into Utah Territory.

The trek took over seventy miles and was under the direction of David F. Sawyer, one of the captains. William W. Terry, who has made extensive studies into the ditches and canals, the gristmills and the historic railway grades, was the tour guide. He put together eight typewritten pages to help trek participants to understand the importance of the sites visited. In future issues of the *PIONEER* we will try to list the sites visited that we might all learn the importance of Ogden in our pioneer west.

SUP COUPLE ANSWER MISSION CALL

Henry and Florence A. Timmerman will leave soon to serve in the Georgia Atlanta Mission, 2215 Perimeter Park Bldg. 1, Suite 3, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Active in the SUP and Mormon Battalion activities, Henry will be remembered as an enthusiastic member of the escort team for the 1979 Nauvoo to Salt Lake Relay.

Elder Timmerman, a Salt Lake automobile dealer, previously served seven years as a stake missionary, an instructor in both the Elders and Seventies quorums and a member of the Sunday school presidency.

Sister Timmerman has served in both the YWMIA and Relief Society presidencies, as ward librarian and has taught in most of the auxiliaries.



**JESSE P. RICH TROPHY
TROPHY AWARDED TO
MESA CHAPTER**

The above picture is that of the Jesse P. Rich, Life Membership statuette or trophy. The awarding of this annual trophy was announced at the Moab encampment in 1980 and it will be a continuing award to the Sons of Utah Pioneers chapter that has the largest increase in life memberships in any one year.

The trophy is named after Jesse P. Rich who was national president in 1948 when the life membership program of the organization was started. He was a judge in civic life and prominent in Utah affairs. Also, he was the father of Lothair Rich, of the East Mill Creek Chapter, a past president of the National Society.

The Mesa Chapter in Arizona was the winner announced at the 1980 Moab encampment. Each year, at the national encampment, the award will be presented to a representative of the winning chapter.

LIFE OF CHESTER LOVELAND

Colonel Chester Loveland was raised on a farm in Ohio, and his educational advantages were only such as the pioneer school afforded. It was in the pioneer school he formed the acquaintance of Fanny Call, whom he married in 1838.

He joined the Latter-day Saints in June 1837 and moved with his father to Lorain County, where he lived until 1840, when he moved to Carthage, Illinois and purchased a farm.

On account of his religious beliefs, in 1845, he and his sick family were attacked at mid-night and their home and household goods were burned by a mob led on by a lawyer named Stevens.

In the fall of 1845, he moved to Nauvoo, Illinois and was appointed Captain of the Nauvoo Legion in its first organization. During the turbulent times through which the Church passed, he had many hair-breadth escapes. In one instance a leaden ball designed to take his life, came so near as to graze his face, scorching it sufficiently to cause the skin to peel off.

He relates this incident himself, "I was on a jury when some of our brethren who had been falsely accused, were brought to trial before 11 mobocratic jurors. I held that jury 36 hours, until they were nearly starved. Two verdicts were before us: one guilty, the other not guilty. Eleven signed the guilty verdict and insisted that I should do the same. No gentlemen, I said; before I will sign that paper I will die here on the floor, and the red ants may carry me out through the keyhole." As a result, every man signed the verdict of not guilty, and the innocent went free.

Loveland entered into plural marriage, January 15, 1846 having sealed to him in the Nauvoo Temple a second wife by the name of Rosannah Winters. The following spring

he went west and took up a farm at Council Bluffs, Iowa, which he cultivated until 1849, when he was employed by the U. S. Government to assist in building Fort Kearney on the Platt River. About the first of May 1850 he was appointed Captain of the first 10 in Captain Willies' company of 50, and started with his family for Salt Lake City, Utah.

During the journey he buried his son Levi, who died with cholera, which was then raging in the country. After a long, perilous journey of four months, he arrived in Salt Lake City, September 1850. He located soon after in Bountiful, Davis County, where he built a log cabin to shelter his family through the winter. To procure food for his wives and children he burned charcoal on Weber River, which he sold and delivered to blacksmiths in Salt Lake City.

In 1853, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel by President Brigham Young, then Governor of Utah, with instructions to organize a regiment in the northern part of the territory. He subsequently carried out these instructions and was commissioned Colonel by Governor Cummings, which position he held until his death in 1886.

In the fall of 1853 he married Celia Simmons. In 1855 he went to Carson Valley, which at the time was a part of Utah, but is now Nevada, to assist in locating a colony of Latter-day Saints. During one of the explorations at Walker's Lake, they were over-come with thirst and so intense were their suffering, that every man's tongue was swollen out of his mouth.

In 1860 he moved to Calls' Fort where he resided on a farm. While there he experienced many perilous and dangerous adventures, so frequent in pioneer life. He kept a hotel for transient miners and immigrants. His only neighbors for some time, were his son Sheriff C. C. Loveland and family. Late in the fall of 1862, about 45 immigrants

known as Captain Smith's company were enroute to California. On Raft River they were attacked by Indians, who killed 4 and wounded 9 others of the company. All their teams and provisions were stolen and the company left without food.

By almost super-human strength and fortitude, three immigrants made good their escape and called upon Colonel Loveland to rescue the remaining members of the company. The Colonel, with three others, started for the scene of trouble and upon arrival found about 30 men, women and children on the verge of starvation. All they had eaten for nine days previous was wild berries from the mountain shrubs. Although the teams and provisions were lost, the remaining members of the company were rescued and shared the hospitality of the whole-souled Colonel.

In 1865 he moved six miles south to Brigham City. He was elected first mayor of Brigham City. This position he held with honor and credit for two consecutive terms, (4 years). He subsequently was Assessor and Collector of the county for several years. Through his influence and ability he did much to formulate the laws and ordinances of the beautiful city of Brigham, which rightly is styled the "City of Homes".

He married Rosetta Snow November 17, 1866. Early in the year 1868 he was appointed Captain of a company to go to the "terminous" of the Union Pacific railroad on the Platte River after an immigration of Latter-day Saints who were on their way to Utah.

They were attacked by Indians on the Sweetwater who stole their teams. The animals were recovered, but not without a hard struggle, in which four Indians were killed. The company arrived safely under the judicious management of the Colonel. (Rosetta Snow was the daughter of Lorenzo Snow and his second

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wife, 'Mary Adaline Pettibone Goddard').

Loveland married Louise Falkner September 5, 1868. The Colonel was six foot-two inches in height, weighed 240 lbs., had blue eyes, high forehead, and brown curly hair. He had a fine physique. When in his military suit and mounted on his horse, he was the admiration of all. He was a stranger to fear and never shunned positions of danger, where duty called to rescue either friend or stranger.

In physical development he was evidently formed for a champion -tall and robust, he might well pass for a modern Ajax, in strength and agility. He acquired considerable wealth during his life, yet owing to proverbial generosity and whole-soul disposition, he never became rich.

He was the friend of the poor and needy. No one ever left his door hungry. In politics, he was a Democrat. Probably no one did more to bring into subjection this desert country than the honored and courageous Colonel Loveland. His fame as a leader and pioneer will be handed down for generations to come. Fond memories of his honesty and friendship will ever be cherished by his numerous posterity. He was beloved by all, especially children whom he always noticed and made happy.

On March 5, 1886 he passed peacefully away.

(Jennie Marble Nielsen statement: Chester Loveland was my great grandfather, on my Mother's side. My mothers maiden name was Harriet Adelaide Loveland.)



David McDonald Home — 4659 Highland Drive. Photo taken about 1893. On the left is David W. McDonald, son of David McDonald. On the right is Arabella McDonald, wife of David.

HOLLADAY HOME ON HISTORICAL SITE REGISTER

Salt Lake. A Holladay residence has been listed in the National register of Historic Places. The home of David McDonald, 4659 Highland Dr., was chosen for its architectural and historical significance, the Utah State Historical Society announced.


David and Arabella McDonald immigrated to Utah in 1869. They designed and built their house late in the 19th century. "Their home typifies the values of a middle-class, newly-emerged from the struggles to establish themselves in pioneer society," commented John S. H. Smith, the historian who researched the home for the national Register nomination.

The McDonald house is constructed of brick and adobe. It has a simple design with few stylistically distinguishing details, according to the Historical Society. After being fully restored, it is now used as a professional office building.

The above statement will be placed on a plaque at his location. This home was constructed from brick and adobe manufactured near the site on back of the present Heritage Wedding Home, 4699 Highland Drive, less than a block away.

The builders David and Arabella McDonald finished this construction in 1892, and are grandparents of Arthur J. Wagstaff, Jr., Historian of the Holladay Chapter of S.U.P.

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TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER RIDES THE "CREEPER"

Is it with you, as it is with me? Or am I just getting old! The time goes too fast! Seems the faster I go to keep up with what I should do, the behinder I get? Sure an effort to jot down a little article for the magazine, but I love it.

I should like to relate to you all of a most interesting, educational and enjoyable trip taken in August on the Heber Creeper. Enclosed is a picture taken, of about two-thirds of our group, after enjoying a most luscious meal at our stake bowery in Taylorsville before proceeding to Heber for this much talked of ride.

In my estimation the Heber Creeper is well named. "Heber" because you board at Heber, "Creeper" because it gives one the creeps to ride it! The way it creeps along, reminds me of the little narrow gauge railroad we used to ride from Lynn, Massachusetts to Boston while serving in the Eastern States Mission. We called it the "Try Daily" because it would go over to Boston in the morning and try all day to get back.

This little Heber Creeper backs all the way down to below Bridal Veil Falls in Provo, Canyon, just above Provo, then goes forward coming back. We appreciated its slow pace as it gave us time to view the very fascinating and beautiful scenery along the way, including the luscious green fields and pastures through Midway, Charleston and Heber Valleys, with beef and dairy cattle, sheep, hogs and horses feeding with feed up to their bellies. To say nothing of the shimmering blue waters of Deer Creek with speed boats, sail boats, canoes and row boats with occupants having fun. The lofty steep, rugged and everlasting mountains with Bridal Veil Falls were almost indescribable.

Coming back, a gun battle was staged for our benefit where the four participants were shot and killed. It was a fun, enjoyable trip! I would advise taking this trip if the opportunity affords itself.

Clyde Barker, Historian

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ON WINGS OF FAITH

by

Frederick W. Babbel



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Frederick W. Babbel of Washington, D.C., our area vice-president for that area, is not only a popular lecturer but he has authored many professional and church publications.

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THE CITY NAMED HEBER AND THE MOUNTAIN

The two black-robed Franciscan padres halted their trail-weary and travel-stained column at the grassy bank of the rushing stream. The morning sun was only two hands off the eastern horizon and dead ahead, clear and crisp and deceitfully close in the rarefied altitude of the western horizon was The Mountain.

Silvestre Velez de Escalante and Francisco Atanasio Dominguez had, months before, set out from Sante Fe with a modest military escort in a great Spanish effort to explore and establish new missions in the vast unknown western interior.

The year was 1776.

The Mountain seemingly stretched its lofty summit from both north to south horizons. With the early-morning sun warm on their black-robed backs, the padres stood in awesome respect at its majesty. In months of blazing trails they had become somewhat inured to lofty peaks and primeval landscapes, but this magnificent mountain held them transfixed.

Its uppermost escarpment was girded by a sparkling glacier back-dropped by a drifting white cloud and the matchless blue of a western sky. The padres were entranced. Reluctantly, they moved on toward The Mountain. Father Escalante had, in his brief encounter with the wandering Indians, heard of a strange Indian legend of a sleeping Indian Maiden—he was certain he had seen The Mountain.

The Mountain and the broad expanse of the valley to the east would sleep for another eight decades. In 1825, Etienne Provost, a French Mountain Man and trapper, had reaped a harvest of beaver pelves and had left his name on a river and later the settlement of "Provo".

Several millhands from the Big Cottonwood Canyon sawmill, having Sunday off, hiked eastward, topped the Wasatch range and viewed, probably for the first time by man, the mile-high valley with the thought of settlement. The year was 1857. The trappers and mountain men had given little encouragement by reporting killing frost in any of the 12 months.

By the spring of 1858 Provo cattlemen had moved their range stock to summer in the southern end of the valley.

The spring and summer of 1858 brought several restless frontiersmen attracted by the lush green of the meadow lands and the pristine beauty of the rolling highlands. In July of 1858 the first survey was made for the townsite, J. W. Snow, the county surveyor at Provo, laid out 20-acre tracts just north of present day Heber City. During the late summer and early fall, the cattlemen scythed, cradled and stacked a winter's supply of hay from the sub-irrigated bottom lands.

An early explorer, William Gardner, had seen the need of some sort of a road connecting the valley through Provo canyon. In 1855 the Territorial Legislature enacted a measure, ambitiously empowering William Wall, Thomas S. Williams, Aaron Johnson and Evan M. Green to "construct a road from the mouth of Provo Canyon in Utah County to the Kamas prairie".

The coming of Alfred Cumming as Territorial Governor in 1857, escorted by General Albert Sidney Johnson and his Federal troops, understandably turned the thoughts and efforts of these settlers to other less constructive endeavors.

By the middle of 1858 the "Mormon War" had subsided just a bit and Gen. Johnson's troops were apparently peacefully garrisoned at Camp Floyd near Utah Lake. The pressing need of a road again presented itself. At a bowery meeting at Provo on June 6, 1858 Church President Brigham Young, leaving no possibility of misunderstanding stated, "A road up Provo Canyon is much-needed and we want 10 or 20 companies of laborers to go on it forthwith in order to finish it in about 15 days so that you can go into the valleys of the Weber where there is plenty of timber...we shall need about 500 laborers."

The Provo Canyon Company was formed by the next evening, and the 500 laborers went on it forthwith. W. G. Mills was appointed Project Clerk and Feramor Little as Project

Superintendent. Engineer Henry Grow laid out the grades and route. Engineer Grow was to later gain some prominence for his part in the construction of the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

The Provo River was first bridged near the mouth of the canyon in October — the 15-day completion schedule was apparently somewhat optimistic.

The Oct. 13, 1858 issue of the Deseret News described the bridge as "...substantially and neatly made and calculated to be of service for many years to the inhabitants of Utah County". The road was completed "before the snows fell".

All through the long winter of 1858-59 the 11 pioneer families of Utah Valley planned and prepared to once again pioneer new homes in the high valley then called Provo Valley or soon to be known as Heber Valley.

Spring came late in 1859 and it was late April before the 11 men with three wagons and oxen could leave Provo. The wagons carried implements, farm tools and equipment and high hopes of new homes in a new frontier.

The 11 families had agreed to remain behind until cabins could be
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ELDER MARK E. PETERSEN IS GROUND BREAKING SPEAKER

Elder Mark E. Petersen, one of the senior members of the Council of the Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to be the keynote speaker at the ground-breaking ceremonies to be held November 8, 1980 at 3299 Louise Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Elder Petersen is well known throughout the Church as a forceful speaker and writer, and for many years was prominently identified with the Church's public relations program as chairman of the Church Information Committee.

As a former newspaper reporter and editor and through his writings and sermons since becoming one of the General Authorities, Elder Petersen has made an extensive literary contribution to the Church. His many published editorials and nearly a score of books and forthright counseling on the issues of the day.

During more than three decades as a Church official he has traveled widely throughout the world visiting missions and stakes. In the mid-1960's he presided over the West European Mission of the Church with headquarters in London.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers pay homage to him on this occasion and in the growth and progress of our pioneer society.



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CHARMING NEIGHBOR SPEAKS AT GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES

Chris Miles, a nearby neighbor to our new building site made the following comments at the ground-breaking ceremonies on August 2, 1980.

"I'm really grateful that John Nielsen called me up this morning and asked me to do this. We have a great neighborhood and when new people come to our neighborhood, several of the neighbors go and welcome them. This is a perfect chance and opportunity for me to represent the neighborhood and tell you that we are happy that you are here. I am really impressed with your people...we are grateful that this vacant spot in our area is going to be taken up.

"This is a great place to live and it will be a great place for your home. It's wonderful here. It's not only beautiful, it's clean, it's peaceful and it gives you a nice, calm feeling. Everyone who lives here knows that, and the mountains are beautiful. In the spring they're just beautiful and green...in the fall the colors are brilliant.

"I would like to tell you about the wind. I can warn you now, every night at 9:00 o'clock it will start to blow and it will blow until 9:00 a.m. the next morning. When you come from your car and go into your meeting, or whatever, have a comb ready because you are going to have to comb your hair...the smells which the winds bring are heavenly.

OUR NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS — A DREAM — A REALITY

As we see the pictures of the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and another headquarters building of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, you can't blame our leaders and membership for aspiring to accomplish a similar goal. We have needed this building to say to the world that we are here to stay, the purposes and ideals of our organization are worthy to be passed on to other generations. Our present location, and the building to be constructed upon it, were a dream at one time and now it has all become a reality because of the foresight, dedication and commitment of those persons who believed that it could be done.

If it's been raining up in the canyon, the wind brings down the most glorious smells.

"Another advantage this area brings, we have great neighbors. They are so friendly and so dear and truly are neighborly. You can count on them for your support and I'm sure will help and cooperate with you all they can. Once again, we welcome you to this area. We know you'll love it here. We wish you luck in getting your home built and great success in the future."



Headquarters Building — Daughters of Utah Pioneers

CORNERSTONE DETAILS GIVEN BY SUP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The names of all donors to the building fund, to be listed and included in those materials to be placed in the cornerstone, must be in the headquarters office by Wednesday November 5, 1980. These same donor names will be included in the dedication program, as well as the names of those donors submitting plaque names and contributions after the cornerstone laying.

Other items to be included in the cornerstone box will be recent issues of the PIONEER including the issue for November/December 1980. Additional items will include photographs of the building site, copies of the Salt Lake City daily papers, recent 1980 encampment photos, photographs of current general authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, building committee photo, photo of Kenneth and Marie White and a resume of the project by John J. Nielsen, Executive Secretary.

In the commemorative pioneer plaque program the next issue of the PIONEER will include a photo of the floor to ceiling area in the new building where the plaques will be on public display. In the past year 212 plaque names have been received; in this issue fifty-six plaque names have been received. Everyone is urged to make this commemorative plaque program a part of their support of our national

A TIMELY CHALLENGE TO EVERY MEMBER

If EVERY member of S.U.P. makes a \$100. tax-deductible donation, we will be able to completely pay for our new building by the time it is finished next spring.

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DATA NEEDED: give us the name to be inscribed on the plaque. Date entered the valley - date of birth and death, where and when. Donor's name and address. Chapter affiliation, if any.

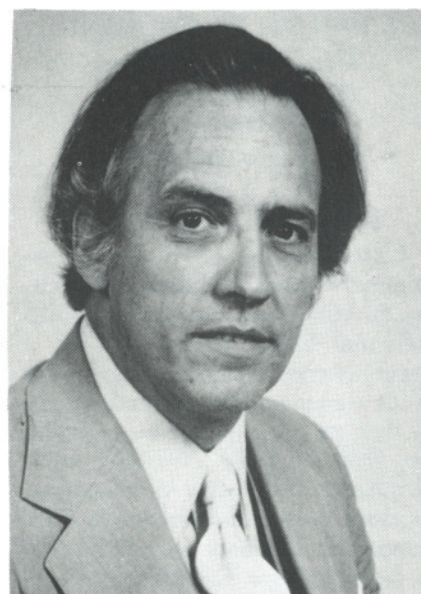
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P.S. Your family organization should also join in this worthy project. One such group recently pledged \$1,600 after fifty letters were sent to family members. Can you match this?

organization — let's not have a single pioneer family left out of this vital program in commemorating our pioneer ancestors.



Dr. Stanley B. Kimball

THE GOLDEN ROAD! TO THE VALLEY 1848-1980

by Stanley B. Kimball

Located right on and above the famous Golden Road, an old Mormon emigrant trail which evolved into Hgy. 40 and Interstate 80, the new National Headquarters of the SUP is ideally located. From Headquarters one will be able to follow visually, at least, this old trail northwest down through Parley's Hollow, the Country Club, and Sugar House Park to its original beginning (or end) near 11th East and 21st South. (Vestiges of the original beginning of this canyon and trail as shown on the township surveys of 1856 are visible next to the K.O.'B. parking lot at this intersection.) From Headquarters this site can be spotted easily by looking for the aquamarine colored Redman Moving building, now vacant, at 1250 East 21st South.

Better yet, from Headquarters one may look along this old trail to the east right into the gaping throat of Parley's Canyon and at sunset may get a spectacular view of the aureate colored north face of this canyon wall from which derived originally the name, The Golden Road. (The name may also be connected with the gold seekers who used it.)

Basically this approximately 42 mile long emigrant trail is Hwy. 40 from Sugar House east to the Silver Creek Jct., then via Wanship, (continued on page 15)

A RETURN TO ENGLAND

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Christmas eve, 1898, found missionary William H. Edwards searching the cold, snow-swirled streets of industrial Sheffield, England for a street named Adelpia. The object of his search was James Wadsworth, by then an aging man in his eighties, the great uncle of Edwards' wife, Elizabeth. Two other missionaries, Brothers Brown and Greenwood accompanied Edwards and aided him in the search for Adelpia Street.

Several times the trio had to interrupt the celebration of certain Sheffield families to ask directions. "Where is Adelpia Street?" they inquired. "And where is James Wadsworth?" As the cold search for Elizabeth's great uncle continued, Edwards recalled to himself and to the Brothers Brown and Greenwood what he knew of the return to England of James Wadsworth.

James Wadsworth, born about 1810, the son of James Wadsworth, had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in its second decade of existence. His enthusiasm for the Gospel led him to introduce it to members of his family, of which at least one, a nephew, accepted. James was honored to baptize this nephew, George Wadsworth, the 9th of March 1852.

A certain closeness had already developed between James and the younger George. George had married Alice Allen who bore him a son, James Allen Wadsworth, in 1848. Less than a year later, Alice was dead of consumption. George, a miner, had no way to care for his small son so he asked his Uncle James Wadsworth and his wife Elizabeth to raise him for a time. James and Elizabeth had never had children of their own, though they had taken in at one time or another several foundlings to raise. They had a foster child named Mary who was about ten years older than little James when they welcomed him into their home and hearts. So, by the time James baptized George in 1852, James and Elizabeth had had little James for three years.

Shortly after George's baptism he met a young woman who had been a member of the Church for several years and who appealed to him very much, Elizabeth Broadbent. These two were married at St. John Church in Sheffield the 18th of April, 1853. The same day they were joined together by Elders John Memmott and James Wadsworth at Pilley.

In the meantime both James and George were active missionaries in their area. James preached at many gatherings in Sheffield, Pilley, Darfield, Bark and Barnsley. Off and on George was assigned to preach in various areas around Sheffield. May 17th, 1855, the same day he was ordained a Priest, George was appointed to preach at the bottom of Howard Street with others. Later that year he was assigned to raise a branch in Dronfield and on Sept. 30, 1855 was made President of that Branch. Shortly thereafter, he was made an Elder.

Elder Edwards thought about this special relationship between James and George; James had baptized George, had performed his marriage ceremony, and missionaried with him and had raised his son. Knowing the rest of the story he wondered how he would be received when he did find the elder James.

It was 1856, Edwards remembered, when all of them, James, Elizabeth, Mary and little James, George's son, along with George, his new wife Elizabeth and their infant Nephi John had embarked on the ship "Horizon" for Zion. The ship, with 856 Saints had arrived in Boston on Sunday the 25th of May. From there the company traveled by rail to Iowa City which they reached July 8th.

At Iowa City, George Wadsworth was asked to stay behind, raise a branch during the winter in Iowa City and to come west the following year. This, thought Edwards, must have been when the great split between James and George began. Surely George would have wanted his eight year old son, little James, to stay with him in Iowa City. But it didn't happen that way. The older James and his wife Elizabeth, along with Mary who had married on the ship and little James joined Captain John A. Hunt's ox team which arrived in Salt Lake City

in sections between December third and fifteenth, 1856.

March 25th, 1857, George Wadsworth was relieved of his responsibilities in Iowa City and in July joined the William O. Young company, arriving in Salt Lake City in September. He must have been pleased at the prospects of seeing his little son, James, again. Both Wadsworth families were called to settle in Payson, Utah, but this stay was of short duration. Edwards guessed at what must have happened in Payson. George must have confronted James about his desire to have the boy return to live with him. Or, perhaps it was then that something happened to embitter James against the Church, and he planned to return to England taking little James with him.

George's heartache must have been great either way. He wanted his nine year old son to stay in Zion with him. The family stories Edwards had heard said that George had to kidnap his own son to keep him from being returned to England. By 1858, George and his family were in Toquerville, Utah from which place, the Bishop, Joshua T. Willis, wrote to J. V. Long, President of the Second Quorum of Seventies to which George belonged, "This is to inform you that Brother George Wadsworth is a member of this branch and is in good standing. Please do not let his whereabouts be known for good reasons if you want to correspond with him."

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Edwards had seen that note, carefully preserved among the family records. He had been told that the uncle had hired a detective agency to find little James. He also knew that there were no Wadsworths listed in the Toquerville 1860 census because George signed all public documents at that time with his first name, George and Allen, his wife's surname. He remembered too, the stories of hiding, of want and suffering the family endured for the next few years.

Perhaps, in his old age, James' heart had softened toward the family. Edwards hoped so. The English streets were becoming colder, fewer people were about when the three missionaries found the right door on

Adelphia Street. A young man answered their knock. Edwards asked to see James Wadsworth. When the old man within heard his name he came to the door. Edwards explained that he was from America and had married one of George's daughters, the same George who had gone with him to America forty years before. Edwards told James that George had died that year. James replied gruffly, "Well, he and I could never hitch. He has been dead to me for the last forty years. He died last January, you say, and me not worth a bloody penny letter to let me know. I do not want to know any more about it."

Edwards tried to reason with him, but the ranting continued.

Finally, Edwards and the other Elders withdrew, leaving the old man still in the doorway, frothing at the mouth and sending imprecations after them into the cold Christmas eve air. Edwards bade him good by and departed.

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CITY NAMED HEBER

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constructed. The sun had not yet topped 'The Mountain' when the venturesome group urged their little train eastward upslope following the trace of the road they had "completed" the previous fall. The Wasatch winter had all but erased their back-breaking efforts of a few months earlier. The 11 frontiersmen were James Carlile, George Carlile, William Giles Jr., William Carpenter, Jesse Bond, Henry Chatwin, John Carlile, John Jordan, Charles N. Carroll, Thomas Rasband and John Crook.

We hear from John Crook frequently during the subsequent years. Apparently Crook was a dedicated recorder of those eventful days. His chronicle reads "April 30, 1859, we camped at a snowslide in Provo Canyon that night. The next morning we pulled our wagons to pieces and carried them to the top of the snowslide which was about a quarter of a mile wide.

We thought we were the first settlers to arrive in the valley that spring, but when we reached the present site of Heber we saw two teams plowing north of us which proved to be William Davidson with two yoke of oxen and Robert Broadhead and James Davis with a similar outfit between them. We found that William Davidson had his family here, which I believe was the first family in the valley".

After a brief salutation the 11 moved on to a bright spring flowing about one mile north of the present Heber City. Crook notes it as being "the best land in the valley". Since they were in the majority and since most of the 11 were of British descent they named the spring "London"; they made their camp here and the name remains as London Spring. Losing no time, each man selected his allotment of land and quickly began to clear and prepare to plant.

In June 1859, the deputy county surveyor of Utah County, Jesse Fuller, laid out the town of London. The Sturdy log cabins were constructed from green cottonwood logs hauled from the riverbottoms and arranged in a compact rectangle leaving only space between each cabin for a guarded access to the inner-court.

With the seed in the ground and the new homes in readiness, the little party of men again made the three-day journey to Provo to unite and bring their families to the new land. That first growing season yielded nearly one thousand bushels of grain — a first rate start.

With a fair harvest of hay and grain there were now 18 families determined to brave the long Wasatch winter. Some less determined were to return to Provo, preferring the amenities of "the city". The first birth recorded among the colonizers occurred in November—a daughter of William Davidson and his wife Ellen. Appropriately the little girl was named Timpanogos — the Indian name for the valley and The Mountain.

The Davidsons were racking up a record of firsts. As predicted it was a severe winter — snow came early and heavy. For four months the colonizers were completely isolated from everything — not even a hermit trapper nor a wandering band of Indians appeared out of the vast whiteness; however, at Christmas-time an adventuresome group from Provo breasted the snow and the mountains to spend part of the holidays with the pioneers.

The Wasatch winter held fast and by the first of April the pioneers began to have second thoughts. Winter-weary and anxious to get about further building, but with no sign of spring, they gathered at the home of Thomas Rasband to seek the help of the Lord. Humbly, earnestly and sincerely in prayer they let their needs be known. It is recorded "before the meeting was dismissed there was water dripping from the eaves of the house and spring was born in the valley".

Summer came, and in June 1860 there were more than 200 people living in the green lush valley. Most of the "North Field" was under the plow and a bounteous crop was expected. As was customary, a community building was erected — church, school, dance hall and theatre, all combined. The building was completed just in time to observe the 13th annual Pioneer Day celebration.

Since many of the colonizers were of British decent and had been converted to the Church by the mis-

sionary, Heber C. Kimball, it was only natural that their settlement was to become Heber City. President Kimball was invited to attend the new city and the observance of the ceremony.

He is reported to have said, "Now you people have named your little town after me, I want you to see to it that you are honest upright citizens and good Latter-Day Saints that I may not have cause to be ashamed of you".

As the community grew, so did community problems. It was soon evident fences were needed to contain the animals. Fencing required some judicial authority and thus came into being an unique political official, "the fence viewer".

Autumn harvests were good, however, the old mountain men's forecast of early frosts proved accurate. The 1860 harvest season brought an enterprising pair, Smith and Bullock, into the valley with the first thrashing machine, horse powered and inefficient. Slow but stable growth soon began to generate confidence and well-being. Choir and dramatics groups were formed. Our faithful chronicler, John Crook, was chosen as choir leader.

More romantic activities were also taking place - on Christmas Day, 1860, Thomas Rasband, by ecclesiastical and judicial authority, united Charles C. Thomas and Emaline Sessions as man and wife. The first marriage to be performed in Heber City.

In the second ceremony, only a few hours after the first, Harvey Meeks claimed as his bride a Miss Dougal. They were married by Silas Smith at Center Creek.

In 1862, the first property valuation of the county was reported as \$48,350. In true frontier fashion, the independent spirits of the settlers did not readily accept the concept of property taxation. From the beginning, the burdens of the selectmen were many and varied.

In September of 1880 the Court House Committee reported to the selectmen that the construction costs to date were \$3,793.66. Upon completion two years later in 1882, the total costs were approximately \$4,600 plus \$250 for furniture.

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Funds were slow coming in — taxes were assessed but paid with little enthusiasm.

The tax collector's life, never an exceptionally happy nor popular one, is illustrated by his reluctant report and subsequent events recorded in the selectmen meeting minutes "...taxes collected \$147.18 — taxes past due \$327.23." The following session of the selectmen meeting minutes state simply and succinctly "...a new collector and assessor was appointed".

By 1864-1865 many of the crude cabins had been replaced with substantial masonry homes of the fine red sandstone so plentiful in the area. Many of these homes are standing, sturdy and strong after many decades of service. Many are yet occupied by progeny of the prominent families of that harsh and austere period when providing the next meal for the family was foremost in the mind of the provider.

The fact that the old names appear and reappear through the decades on the roster of "Provo Valley" is fair evidence of it being just a good place to live.

The Mountain, the sleeping maiden, the majestic Timpanogos may yet be viewed as Padres Escalante and Dominguez viewed it in 1776 — glistening in the early morning sun, magnificently impressive, bejeweled by the perpetual glacier, reflecting with solemn mystery the legend of two—plus centuries as eternally endless, timeless silence.

"Once again do I behold these steep and lofty cliffs, That on a wild, secluded scene impress thoughts of more deep seclusion, And connect the landscape with the quiet of the sky". (Wordsworth - "Tintern Abbey").

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GOLDEN ROAD

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Hoytsville, and Coalville to the mouth of Echo Canyon. Up to 60,000 Mormon Pioneers plus additional thousands of soldiers, merchants, gold seekers, Californians, and assorted "Gentiles" came down Echo Canyon to the Weber River. Most turned north to present day Henefer and into the Valley via Emigration Canyon. But some, including almost every important visitor to Salt Lake City between 1862 and the coming of the railroad in 1869, turned south-down The Golden Road to the City of the Saints. (See map accompanying this article.)

Since the new Headquarters are right on this old road, the S.U.P. might very well exploit properly and fully this fortuitous circumstance. For example, the trail could become an annual run sponsored by the new Pioneer Trail Relay Chapter, the road could be more thoroughly researched, marked, written up, and publicized, and part of the S.U.P. Library could be devoted to it. Old maps of the trail could be framed and displayed. On the grounds of the trail could be framed and displayed. On the grounds of Headquarters an appropriate marker or monument could be placed telling the story of this old trail.

The Golden Road was born of Parley P. Pratt's desire to find an easier way into the Valley. His search commenced in late June, 1848, but it was not until the 1850 emigrant season that it was at all ready for travel. Pratt hoped, in vain, to recoup his time and money by collecting tolls. An ad in the third issue of the *Deseret News* (June 29, 1850) recommended his GOLDEN PASS! or, NEW ROAD THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS and listed his tolls which ranged from "1 cent per head of sheep" to "75 cents per conveyance drawn by two animals."

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As shown in the pictures above President Kenneth Wiseman passes the responsibility of leadership to Grant Hale, for the ensuing year as past president W. Phil Robbins applauds the changeover. (Upper right) Incumbent president Grant Hale and president-elect William Critchlow III hold the new annual award for life membership, *All is Well*. (Lower left) A typical scene of outdoor gatherings of the large crowd. (Lower right) Pioneer Trail Relay Chapter sponsors breakfast at the encampment at Moab.

Some of the announcements made at the annual business meeting include a 1981 encampment at Weber College, Ogden, Utah and a 1982 encampment at Mesa, Arizona. Fred W. Babbel, of Arlington, Va., was named as a national representative of the Washington, D.C. area. Other new vice-presidents named were David A. Schilling, Bloomington, Ill.; J. C. Haws of Brigham City; Milton Priest, Ogden; Kenneth M. Smith, Salt Lake City; Erschel E. Shepherd, Provo and Wayne Banks, Escalante, Utah.

Special awards were presented to Adolph Johnson for meritorious and long-standing service; Lela and Mance H. Vaught of Placerville, CA as the outstanding couple for the year; John J. Nielsen, our executive secretary of the national organization, a special recognition and plaque to retiring president Kenneth Wiseman.

The Pioneer Trail Relay Chapter, under the able leadership of Randy E. Nielson, not only completed the relay run from Salt Lake to Moab but they were responsible for two breakfasts served at the encampment to include the cost and serving of the food. Other Pioneer Trails Relay Chapter members that participated in the segments of the relay from Salt Lake City to the Point-of-the-Mountain Prison, to Alpine, Thistle and on to Moab included Ann Marie Nielson, Ralph C. Carlson, Steve Williams, Scott Record, Travis Record, Tom Sandquist, Lisa Larson, Dorothy Mathis, Verona Rawlings, Richard Guyman, - Cunningham. The last section of the relay was for fifteen miles and letters from Salt Lake City executives and Mayor Ted Wilson were delivered to the Moab mayor, Harold Jacobs, to conclude the 240 mile relay.

SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA CHAPTER ON DECK

The Salt River Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona, is to sponsor the organization of a Scottsdale chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers. The new organization will lead off with Stacy Garn as president, whose association with the Sons of Utah Pioneers dates back to the 1947 covered wagon automotive trek, from Nauvoo to Salt Lake, with President Spencer W. Kimball.

Stacy Garn has been recently released from the presidency of the Mesa Temple. His career has been in the insurance business as an executive. The organizers of this new chapter hope to start off with thirty members and go on from there. The Salt River Chapter meets every second Wednesday in Phoenix at the Royal Fork Restaurant.

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It is uncertain how extensively this route was used compared to the older trail through Emigration Canyon. I have recently read nearly 400 old pioneer journals and found but sixteen accounts of The Golden Road (and none of them referred to it by that name): three in 1850, three in 1861, three in 1862, three in 1863, and three in 1864. It appears that it fell into immediate disuse for over a decade after its first season. Three of these journals help explain why.

The earliest, by Mary Ann Maughan whose party negotiated this new road during August, 1850, recorded "We travelled the most dreadful road imaginable. Some places we had to make the road before we could pass. It is full of large rocks and stumps. Passed the toll gate and paid for passing over the road we had made...the road today has been the worst we ever saw." One month later Nelson W. Whipple recorded, "The road was almost impassable." Thereafter the road does not seem to have been improved much, for thirteen years later, during October, 1863, Elijah Larkin complained "The road was

dangerous on account of its being so narrow and very sloping in places."¹

There are several other reasons why the route declined: Pratt sold his interest to finance a mission to Chile, the new road was nine miles longer than the old, and tolls among fellow Mormons were unpopular, even resented.

Despite these problems, however, by 1862 The Golden Road was the preferred emigrant route into the Valley, especially after the Overland Stage began using it that year and it remained the main emigrant route to the coming of the railroad in 1869.

One of the best and earliest descriptions of this road is in the famous *Mormon Way-bill To The Gold Mines* (Salt Lake City, 1851). At the mouth of Echo Canyon, the guide explained, "The road forks, the left hand passes over two high mountains, the road is very rough." (Well emigrants were warned.)
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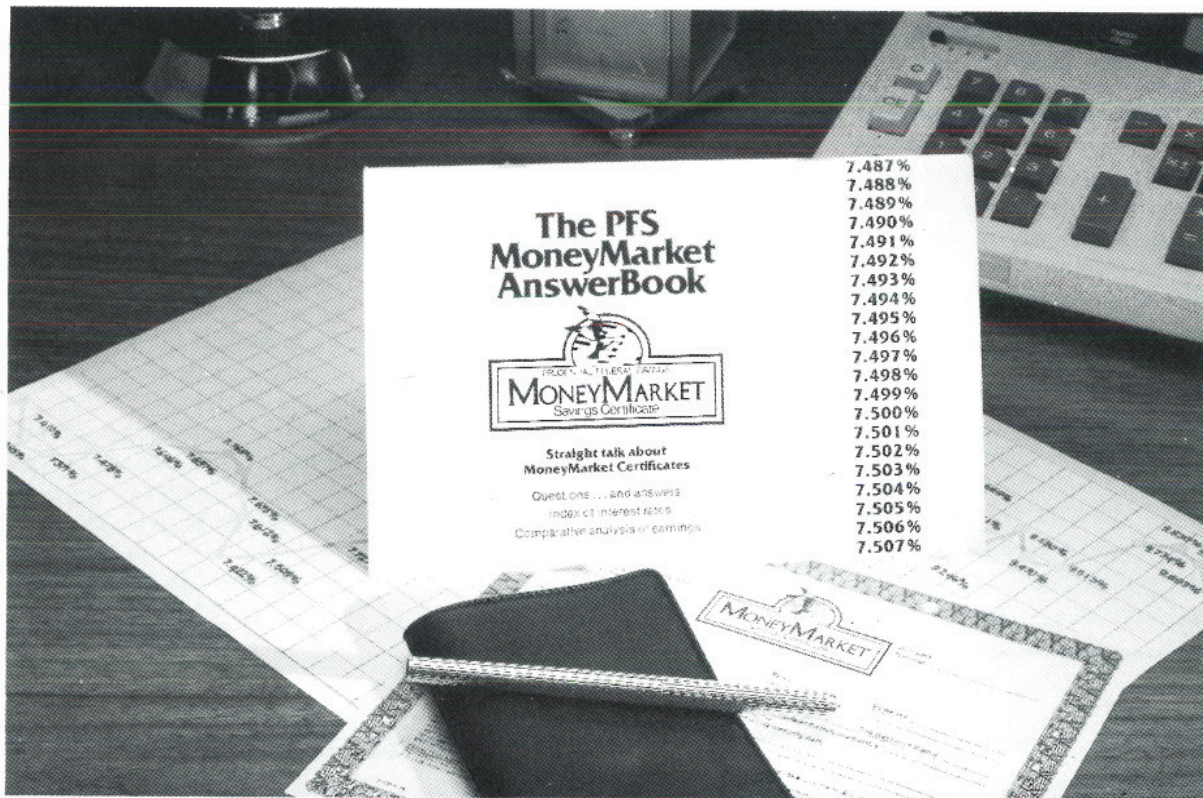
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